

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

Elections – Bye-election to 41-Dubbak Assembly Constituency, Siddipet District – Scheduled to be held on 03.11.2020 – Measures to check “ Paid News ” during elections i.e. advertisement in garb of news in Media and related matters and to take up the additional task of keeping a check on the cases of Paid News published in Print Media and telecast in Electronic Media and also Social Media – Constitution of State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1502

**Dated: 09-10-2020
Read the following:**

1. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi Orders in S.L.P. (c) No. 6679/2004, dated. 13-04-2004.
2. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Order No.509/75/2004/JS-1, dated. 15-04-2004.
3. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No.491/Paid News/2012/ Media, dated. 27-08-2012.
4. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No. 491/Paid News/2019/ Communication, dated. 25-02-2019.
5. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Press Note No.ECI/PN/67/2020, dated. 29-09-2020.

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ORDER:

Pursuant to the directions of the Election Commission of India vide its orders second to fourth read above, State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) is constituted with the members mentioned below as measures to check “ Paid News ” during elections i.e. advertisement in garb of news in Media and related matters and to take up the additional task of keeping a check on the cases of Paid News telecast in Electronic Media i.e. on TV Channels, Cable Networks, Cinema Halls and Broadcast in Radio Stations including private FM channels; publication in Print Media and campaigning in Social Media in connection with the conduct of Bye-election to 41-Dubbak Assembly Constituency, Siddipet District, Telangana State Scheduled to be held on 03.11.2020.

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| 1) Dr. Shashank Goel, I.A.S.,
Chief Electoral Officer | ... Chairperson |
| 2) Dr. Jyothi Budha Prakash, I.A.S.,
Addl. Chief Electoral Officer | ... Member Secretary |
| 3) Any Observer appointed by the ECI | ... Member |
| 4) Dr. K. Stevenson,
Professor & Head, Department of Journalism &
Mass Communication, Osmania University, Hyderabad-500007. | ... Member |
| 5) Sri I. Hari Babu
Assistant Director,
O/o The Director General, (South), Press Information Bureau,
M/o Information & Broadcasting, G.O.I.(For Telangana State)
2nd Floor, CGOs Towers, Kawadiguda, Secunderabad - 500 080. | ... Member |

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6) Sri M.A. Majid, Senior Journalist & Member ... Member
Press Council of India, Hyderabad.

7) Sri M. Madhavacharya ... Member
Assistant Director, Digital Media,
O/o the Director, Digital Media,
5th Floor, T.S. Secretariat at BRK Bhavan, Hyderabad – 29.

2. The above State Level MCMC shall decide appeals received from both the District level MCMC, Siddipet district and Additional CEO's Committee on Certification of advertisement of political parties pertaining to the Bye-Election to 41-Dubbak Assembly Constituency Siddipet District as per the ECI Order No.509/75/2004/JS-1, dated:15/04/2004 besides examining all cases of Paid News on appeal against the decision of District MCMC or cases that may take up suo motu.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**Dr. SHASHANK GOEL
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &
E.O PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVT.**

To

The Chairperson and Members of the State Level M C M C concerned. { Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication, dt. 27-08-2012 and 25.02.2019 and Press Note No.ECI/PN/67/2020 dt.29.09.2020.}.

The Collector & District Election Officer, Siddipet District. { Along with copy of the ECI Lr.No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication, dt. 27-08-2012 and 25.02.2019 and Press Note No.ECI/PN/67/2020 dt.29.09.2020.}

The Returning Officer, 41 – Dubbak Assembly Constituency, Siddipet District. {Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication, dt. 27-08-2012 and 25.02.2019 and Press Note No.ECI/PN/67/2020 dt.29.09.2020.} **{ Through the Collector & D.E.O., Siddipet District }**

The Presidents of all Political Parties for the State of Telangana {Both Recognized National Parties and Un-Recognized State Political parties) { Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication, dt. 27-08-2012 and 25.02.2019 and Press Note No.ECI/PN/67/2020 dt.29.09.2020.}

The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Telangana State, Samachar Bhavan, A.C.Guards, Hyderabad – 500 004 (w.e.)

All the Television Channels / Cable Network Operators/ All India Radio and Private F.M. Channels. **{Through the Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Telangana State, Hyderabad.}**

Copy to :

1. The Chairperson and Members of the Additional CEO's Committee on Certification of advertisements of political parties concerned. (w.e.)
2. The Principal Secretary to Govt, Information Technology and Electronics & Communication Dept., Telangana State, Secretariat at 5th floor, B.R.K.Bhavan, Hyderabad-500029.
3. The Director General (South), Press Information Bureau, M/o. Information & Broadcasting, GOI, Room No.203, 2nd Floor, CGO Towers, Kavadiiguda, Sec'bad – 500080.

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4. The Deputy Director General,(Programme), Prasar Bharathi,
Door Darshan Kendra,Telangana State,Ramanthapur,Hyyderabad-500 013.
5. The Deputy Director(N e w s) , Prasar Bharathi,All India Radio,Saifabad,
Hyderabad – 500004.
6. The P.M. I.T O/o the CEO, T.S. for uploading the G.O.Rt. in the CEOs official website.
7. The S.L.A. O/o the CEO, T.S. for uploading the G.O.Rt. in the CEOs official website.
8. All the Officers, in the G.A (Elections) Dept., and P.S/ PA to the CEO/ Addl. CEO/ Joint
CEO/ Dy. CEO.
9. The Secretary, Press Council of India, Soochana Bhavan, 8-C, CGOs Complex, Lodhi
Road, New Delhi - 110003.
10. Sri Pawan Diwan, Under Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan,
Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER